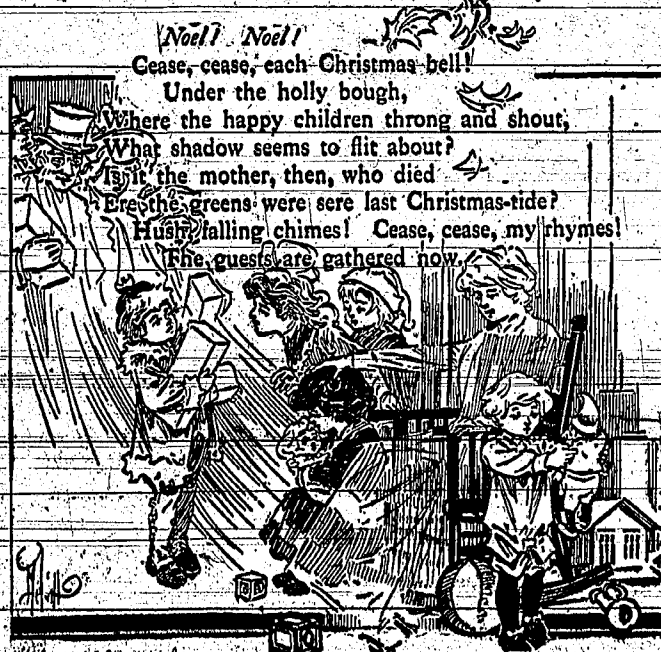


**Guests At Yule**  
Edmund  
Clarence  
Stedman.

**NOEL! NOEL!**  
Thus sounds each Christmas bell—  
Across the winter snows  
But what are the little footprints all  
That mark the path from the churchyard wall?  
They are those of the children who wake tonight  
From sleep by the Christmas bells and light.  
Ring sweetly, chimes! Soft, soft, my rhymes!  
Their beds are under the snow.

**Noel! Noel!**  
Carols each Christmas bell  
What are the waifs of mist  
That gather near the window-pane  
Where the winter frost all day has lain?  
They are soulless elves, who fain would peer  
Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer.  
Ring fleetly, chimes! Swift, swift, my rhymes!  
They are made of the mocking mist.

**Noel! Noel!**  
Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!  
Under the holly bough,  
Where the happy children throng and shout,  
What shadow seems to flit about?  
Is it the mother, then, who died  
Ere the greens were sere last Christmas-tide?  
Hush! falling chimes! Cease, cease, my rhymes!  
The guests are gathered now.



## MEN HAD GRIEVANCE

LIGHT ON THE RECENT BRITISH  
RAILROAD TROUBLES.

Wages of the Workers Shown to Have  
Been Ridiculously Low, Compared  
With Earnings of Lince.

Statistics published by the board of trade in England shed a great light on the labor troubles that have recently agitated the United Kingdom. A royal commission is now wrestling with the problem. Its appointment ended what promised to be the most gigantic industrial upheaval in the country's history.

The figures taken from the board of trade abstract of labor statistics, show that while the railroads' profits are enormous and constantly increasing the wages of the men are ridiculously low and show no corresponding increase—hardly any increase at all.

The profits of the railways in one year, 1910, according to the authority, Chicago Money, were \$235,000,000, while the increase in the pay of the men per week in 1909 over 1908 was only 1 1/2 cents each. In 1909 the average weekly wage was \$3.145. In 1908 this had been advanced to only \$3.045. This included Sunday pay and overtime allowances.

These figures apply to the 400,000 workers of thirteen companies in England and Wales. In Scotland the average wage was lower. In 1900 it was \$3.72 a week and in 1909, \$5.825. Workers in Ireland were in a still worse condition. Their average earnings amounted to \$4.365 in 1909 and \$4.07 in 1908.

In the face of these figures is the fact that in the last few years in the United Kingdom the cost of living has increased 10 per cent.

Two additional causes assigned for the discontent manifested by the workmen are shown in the following parallel:

The dividends of the railways keep on increasing.

The working hours for the men are notoriously long.

The board of trade, according to an English financial expert, begins to table hours as excessive only when they are more than thirteen a day. An inquiry last year showed that one-fifth of the workers were on duty for periods of thirteen hours or more on 29,369 occasions. According to this same authority, had the surplus earnings in 1910 over 1909 been devoted to wages, the average increase to the men per week would have been 62 1/2 cents.

The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants issues a census of wages. The same ground covered by this census applies to standard weekly wages, exclusive of overtime, and thus the returns are lower. A table prepared by this authority shows that the wages of 113,800 of the 260,000 workers included in the returns average about \$4 a week.

**Wages in Greece.**  
There is a prevalent notion that the cost of living in southern Europe is very much lower than it is in the United States. The notion probably had its origin many years ago and was based upon superficial observations of travelers. The mere fact that hundreds of thousands of emigrants leave southern Europe for America every year would seem to indicate that the economic conditions of ordinary life are easier in America than in southern Europe.

The following statements of daily wages in the different fields of ordinary labor in Greece and the cost of necessities on the retail markets may be of interest: Clerks in offices receive up to \$40 and clerks in stores up to \$20 per month. Domestic servants, men, receive \$10 to \$15; and women, \$8 to \$8 per month. Wages per day follow: Street car conductors and drivers, 70 cents; grooms, \$1 to \$3; carpenters and cabinet-makers, 70 cents to \$1.20; currier packers, men, 75 cents to \$1, and women, 35 to 50 cents; stevedores, \$1.75; ordinary laborers, 70 to 90 cents; house painters, \$1 to \$2; boatmen, 80 cents; field laborers, in winter, 50 cents, in spring, 70 to 80 cents; in summer, 40 to 50 cents.

**Wasting Time and Money.**

Incident of an idle hour. No noise, no trouble, no nothing. Telephone rings violently. Voice at the other end: "The party that wanted you rang off."

"Did any one want me?"

"Yes. The party rang off."

A call is made. The voice: "Number please?"

"Give me Main two-naught."

"Two-ows?"

"Oh, yes—make it two-ows."

Pause of forty seconds. Then: "Chief operator."

"Chief operator. I understand some one who called for me rang off. Can you find out who it is that wanted me?"

"Yes, sir, I'll try. As soon as I find the party that called for you I'll call you."

That's all. Nothing happens. No one comes. But it's charged up as business and goes into the expense account somewhere as "service."

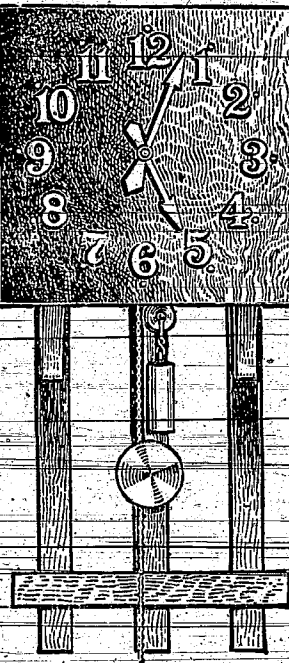
**The Earth's Core.**

From the varying transmission of earthquake vibrations, Prof. Welch concludes that the earth's core is a mass of iron or steel 5,880 miles in diameter. This is surrounded by a strong shell 930 miles thick, around which is a liquid or plastic layer with an outer limit of about 20 miles below the surface.



## Holiday Greetings

We extend to one and all the compliments of the season  
A Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

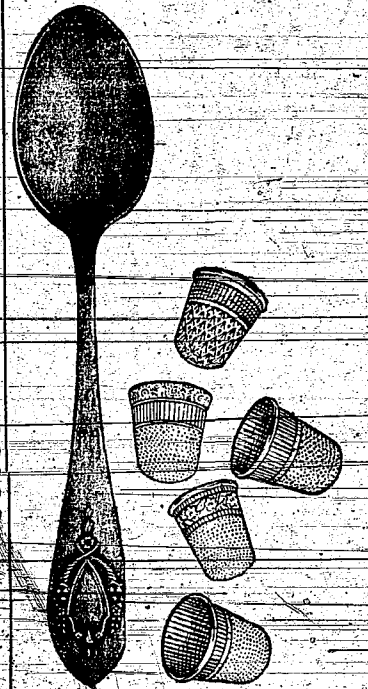


This handsome Mission Clock, for hall or dining room, would make an excellent X-Mas present  
Only \$5.00

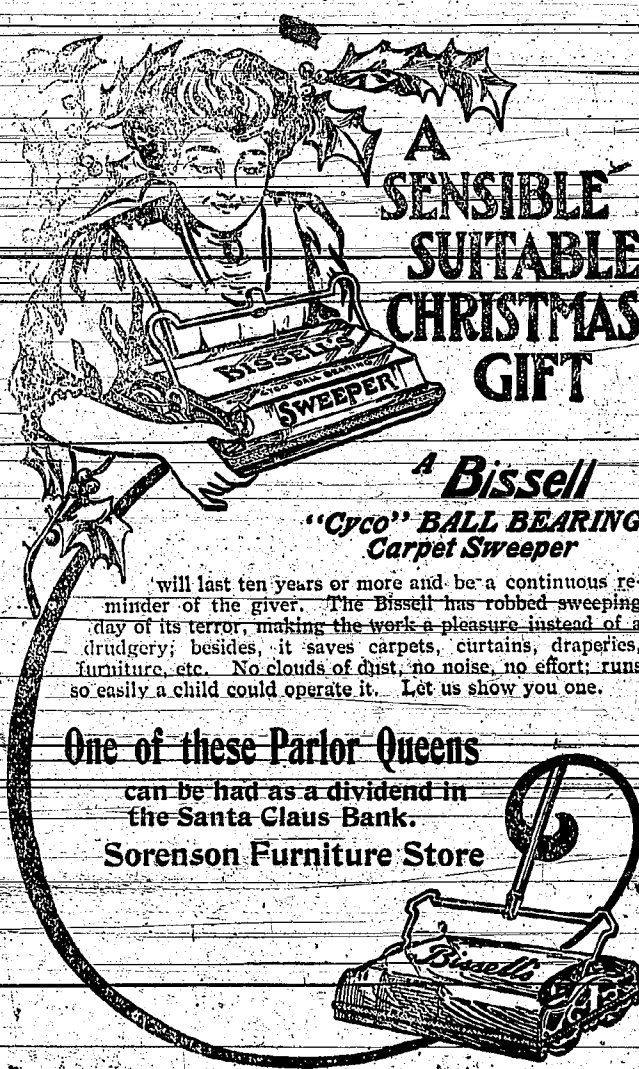
### A Partial List That Will Interest You.

Silver toilet sets.....	\$ 7.00 to \$10.00	Locketts.....	\$ 1.00 " 7.50
Jewel boxes.....	1.50 " 3.50	Locket chains.....	1.00 " 4.00
Sterling hat pin holders.....	2.00	Brooches.....	.75 " 3.50
Sterling novelties.....	.50 " 2.00	Hat pins.....	.50 " 1.50
Sterling souvenir spoons.....	.85 " 1.50	Bar pins.....	.50 " 2.00
Sterling berry spoons.....	2.25 " 5.00	Dress pins.....	.25 " 2.00
Sterling dessert spoons.....	10.00	Beads.....	1.50 " 5.50
Sterling tea spoons.....	4.25 " 7.25	Bracelets.....	1.50 " 7.00
Sterling cream ladles.....	1.50 " 1.90	Waist sets.....	.75 " 2.00
Sterling sugar shells.....	1.40	Ladies watch chains.....	3.00 " 6.00
Sterling tea strainers.....	2.00 " 2.50	Ladies fobs.....	2.00 " 5.00
Sterling oyster forks.....	1.50	Rosaries.....	3.00 " 5.00
Sterling meat forks.....	5.50	Cuff links.....	.50 " 2.50
Sterling cheese knives.....	2.50 " 3.00	Gents' cuff links.....	.75 " 4.00
Sterling baby spoons.....	1.25 " 1.40	Gents' fobs.....	2.50 " 7.00
Sterling thimbles.....	.50 " 1.50	Gents' chains.....	2.25 " 7.00
Hand painted china.....	1.00 " 4.00	Smoking sets.....	1.50 " 4.25
Cut glass pieces, etc.....	.75 " 15.00	Shaving sets.....	3.00 " 6.00
Casseroles, bake and fern dishes.....	3.00 " 7.00	Carving sets.....	3.00 " 7.00
Crumb and bread trays.....	2.00 " 5.00	Clarks.....	1.50 " 8.00
A large assortment of 1845-R Wallace silver plated ware to select from.....		Brass ware.....	4.00 " 8.50
		Watches.....	7.00 " 10.00
		Rings of all kinds.....	\$1.00 and up

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Jeweler and Optometrist



Sterling Silver Thimbels 50c to \$1.50. A Souvenir Spoon is not only useful but is something that will last a lifetime  
85c to \$1.50



A SENSIBLE  
SUITABLE  
CHRISTMAS  
GIFT

A Bissell  
"Cyco" BALL BEARING  
Carpet Sweeper

will last ten years or more and be a continuous reminder of the giver. The Bissell has robbed sweeping of its terror, making the work a pleasure instead of a drudgery; besides, it saves carpets, curtains, draperies, furniture, etc. No clouds of dust, no noise, no effort; runs so easily a child could operate it. Let us show you one.

One of these Parlor Queens  
can be had as a dividend in  
the Santa Claus Bank.  
Sorenson Furniture Store

## Christmas Candy and Nuts By The Ton

Mothers should see that their children get only fresh pure Candies. People with the candy habit are glad that we have such a Complete Candy Department.  
A Handsome French Doll  
given away absolutely free Monday noon at 12 o'clock.  
Get in on the Guessing Contest, you may be the lucky one. One guess with each purchase of Candy.

## Model Bakery

## For two Days Friday and Saturday

We will give the people of Grayling the biggest bargains ever given in Grayling.  
We have 18 Mens' Hand Tailored Suits in heavy blue Serges, striped blue serges, gray suits, the best makes, suits that are worth from \$12, 15, 18 and 22 your \$9.98 choice for.  
Dress up for X-Mas, as this will be the only chance you will have to buy such suits for prices like that.

Now, Mothers, we are going to close out our CHILDREN'S SUITS as we are not going to keep childrens clothing any more. Dress up your boy now; every suit will be closed out at cost; no leftovers, they are only about two months in our store. Just a few prices. Suits that we sold for \$2.75, will be closed out now for \$1.50. Latest makes. Don't miss seeing them.

We have but 3 Men's Black Kersey Overcoats left; coats are worth \$12.00 to 15.00, while they last \$8.98. Men's Pants, in working and dress, at great bargains.  
We will also sell our Shoes at great reductions. Lots of Fine Toys and X-Mas Goods. X-Mas Tree Trimmings.

## BRENNER'S CASH STORE

MY OWN STOCK OF FLOWERS  
is all ordered for Christmas, but you can get all you want at Bay City prices, if you will please let me have your order before Friday noon, the 22d.  
Roses \$3.00 per Dozen  
Carnations \$1.00 per Dozen  
The Market Garden











## Crawford Avalanche.

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

**RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION.**  
One Year.....\$1.50  
Six Months......75  
Three Months......40

Entered as second-class matter at the Postoffice at Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Now that Christmas time is here let us make ourselves happy by remembering those around us with little remembrances of the day. Selfish indeed is the man who hasn't time to pass on a cheery word to those about him and perhaps to those less fortunate than himself a more or less liberal remembrance of the occasion in the giving of a gift. Dickens' "Old Scrooge" the most miserable of old misers, was one of the most contented men after learning the art of Christmas cheer. Of course we have no "Old Scrooges" in Grayling but let us all remember to give a word of cheer to God's every living creature on this Christ's birthday.

## Neighborhood News

### Lovell's Locals.

Mrs. Chas. Lee was a Lewiston caller recently.

T. E. Douglas and son Edgar were in Grayling one day last week.

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon, is very ill again with Dr. Knapp in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Rosevear of West Branch expect to spend the holidays here.

The weather has been so fine of late that work on the new mill is progressing rapidly.

Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, who returned from Detroit recently, is recovering from her illness and will soon be out again.

Mrs. Rob't Pappentus and family expect to leave on Thursday for Tiffin, Ohio, to spend the holidays with relatives and old friends.

Mr. Hinton's sister, who has been a visitor at the Hinton home since the arrival of the little daughter, returned to her home at Toledo on Wednesday of last week.

E. S. Houghton received news of the death of his father, Geo. N. Houghton, of Cass City, on Saturday last and left on the first train for that place. Mr. Houghton spent several weeks here about a year ago and enjoyed trout fishing immensely.

Everyone is invited to attend the Christmas tree and entertainment on Thursday evening, December 21st, given by the school children. As Mrs. Stillwagon, who is an eloquent list of some note, has had them in training for several weeks past, something very unique and amusing is expected. Rumor has it, there will be a fairy, a modern "Cinderella" with a "beautiful gown" and the "Prince with a golden slipper."

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

### Beaver Creek Breezes.

Mr. Geo. Belmont is in Philadelphia. Miss Elsie Mortenson will be home from Grayling for Christmas day.

Mrs. Geo. Anna was out Sunday for the first time since her illness.

Miss Hastings, who has been visiting Miss Ida Durham, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. Raymond Parker of Chicago has been visiting at Forest View farm for the past month.

A program is being prepared by the children of the school for Christmas eve. There will be a Christmas tree and Santa Claus will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris. King have moved into the new house being built on their farm. It is a great addition to Wellington.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

### Grangers, Attention!

Owing to the storm the regular meeting of the sixteenth was adjourned until December 30th at 1 o'clock p. m. There will be no change in the order of business. Election of officers.

PERRY STRANDER, Master.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says, "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

## Additional Local News

It was an appreciative audience that greeted the Grayling Amusement Co. in "It's up to Freddy" last Thursday evening, under the management of Mrs. Ida Manney. It was a pretty little comedy full of college pranks and spirit as well as sentiment. The stage settings were very pretty with the walls decorated in the many colored pennants from many of the leading Universities and colleges of the country. Miss Ruth Barlow as leading lady won the audience as Marguerite Burnett, the most popular girl in the school, as well as her college chums, Miss Edna Brown, Miss Eleanor Anderson, Miss Louise Peterson, Miss Anna LaSperence and Miss Olga Peterson. Mr. Fred Alexander took the part of Grenville Lodge, the amateur play-wright, and after much embarrassment and discomfiture wins the heart and hand of Marguerite Burnett. Clyde Hum was a real college laddie and Ambrose Mellstrup was clever as the young Englishman who fell in love with every girl he met. The specialties were good. Little Russell Manney sang "You can't guess what he wrote on my slate," in a modest maidenly way, and then surprised his companions by removing his disguise and saying, "How do you like me now, kids?" Mr. Geo. Ballenger brought down the house in his character songs and dances and was obliged to respond to an encore. Mrs. Manney has had many years experience in theatrical work and has proved herself an efficient manager.

### South Side Notes.

Mrs. Lucy Branch is expected home from the hospital soon.

Floyd Shellenbarger, formerly of this place, has returned expecting to make this his home.

Orla Potter was hit with a block from the edge at the flooring plant, cutting his face very badly.

Little Miss Mary Hayworth had the misfortune to fall into a pail of water and was scalded quite severely.

Mrs. Albert Shellenbarger is visiting in West Branch for a couple of weeks with Mr. Shellenbarger's parents.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

### Church Notes.

M. E. church, December 24th. Public Service subject, "The Promised Comforter," No. 3. Epworth League subject, "Christmas in the heart." Leader, Mrs. S. S. Phelps Sr. Public Service subject, "Some Christmas thoughts."

REV. JAMES IVRY, Pastor.

Presbyterian church, December 24th. Topic of morning sermon, "Providential Side Lights on the Nativity." A Christmas Meditation. C. B. Toole, "The Christmas Spirit." Evening topic, "The Song of the Heavenly Choir, or God's best Message to Man."

### Starts Much Trouble.

"If all people knew that neglect of constipation would result in severe indigestion, yellow jaundice or virulent liver trouble, they would soon take Dr. King's New Life Pills and end it. It's the only safe way. Best for biliousness, headache, dyspepsia, chills and debility. 25c at A. M. Lewis & Co's."

### JOY IN SEEING BOY EAT JAM

Popular Attraction That Lures Customers to Particular Restaurant Day After Day.

"A boy who eats jam all over his face from eating is the cause of my taking lunch at the same place every day," said a big man who carries a sunburn in his countenance.

"I have never forgotten when I was a boy, and I never see a real boy—I don't mean one of the fashion plates—that I don't feel like taking him in my arms. This boy I speak of comes from school every day about the time I get to the cafe for my lunch. His mother is cashier of the place. A lot of sweets are on the counter behind which she sits to take in the cash. When her boy comes in he goes behind the counter and climbs to a high stool. His mother has a lot of sandwiches with jam for fillers ready for him. He loses no time in getting away with the goods. In his eagerness and haste some of the jam sticks to his lips and about his mouth. He is the picture of a contented boy when he gets through."

"Then his mother applies a damp napkin and removes the overflow jam from his face. After this she kisses the youngster and he is off to school. Maybe I am an old fogey and a bit sentimental, but that boy jam eater and his mother's attention to him have made a regular customer for the little cafe. Just how it happens that the boy gets the same amount of jam on his face every day and in the same place I haven't figured out, and I don't care if I never do. We don't see enough of this sort of thing in this busy life of the great city."

### Balked at Cold Steel.

"I wouldn't let a doctor cut my foot off," said H. D. Ely, Bantam, Ohio, "although a horrible ulcer had been the plague of my life for four years. Instead I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and my foot was soon completely cured." Heals burns, boils, sores, bruises, eczema, pimples, corns. Surest cure. 25 cents at A. M. Lewis & Co's."

## CROOKED ALL RIGHT



Hogan—An' phwy don't yes like Dooley?  
Doran—He's not on th' square.  
Hogan—Phwat makes yes think so?  
Doran—He's th' kind av a man th't can't look ye straight in the eye till yer back's turned.

## VAIN EXPERIMENT.



Daughter—Pa, why do you let the furnace go out every evening Mr. Romance comes to see me?  
Father—I am trying to freeze out the microbe of love, my deluded daughter.

## NO ENCOURAGEMENT



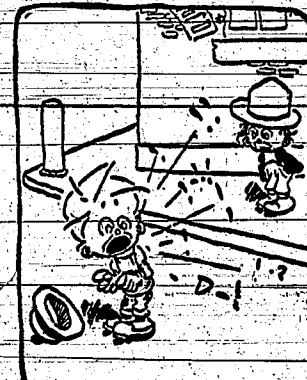
Dobbin—I see the physicians have announced that Jenkins will recover.  
Bronson—Yes, the lawyer informed them that the estate was not large enough to go around.

## QUITE A DIFFERENCE



"Did you say that Jack told you he wanted to marry me and settle down?"  
"While I think he said it was to settle up."

## NO USE FOR IT



"Wotcher cussin' so fer?"  
"Oh! jest to git it out of me system."

## A Father's Vengeance

would have taken on any one who attacked the son of Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Michigan, but he was powerless before attacks of Kidney trouble. "Doctors could not help him," he wrote, "so at last we gave him Electric Bitters and he improved wonderfully from taking six bottles. It's the best kidney medicine I ever saw." Backache, tired, feeling nervousness, loss of appetite, warn of kidney trouble that may end in dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Beware! Take Electric Bitters and be safe. Every bottle guaranteed. 50 cents at A. M. Lewis & Co's."

# When Common Sense Is Combined with Gift Buying

the buyer will usually resolve on practical things. No need to waste your money on nick-nacks that are soon forgotten, and are usually a nuisance while they last. This store is well known for its practical merchandise, and we invite you when you are looking for gifts to come in. Our Clerk's will be glad to show you good, practical and sensible things for presents, both in the general store and hardware department.

Select your gifts from among our stock:

Dry Goods  
Clothing  
Furnishings  
Shoes and Rubbers  
Groceries  
Hardware

December 22 and 23

Friday and Saturday

we will have special sale on

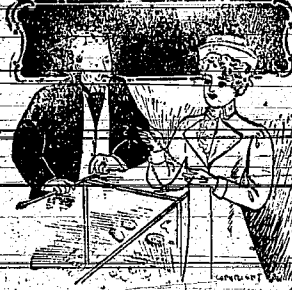
Shirt Waists

Every Shirt Waist in our Store has been REDUCED IN PRICE. Come early and get one of these Bargains.

# SALLING, HANSON COMPANY

# Christmas Time IS The Present Time

## Jewelry the Gift of Gifts



### The Question of Selection

we leave to your own good taste, but the quoting of liberal prices for goods of high quality is OUR part, and you will find that we perform this end of a sale to your entire satisfaction.

### Watches and Chains

bracelets, earrings, pins, lockets, La Vallieres, sterling silver toilet articles and novelties, plated and solid table ware, and clocks.



### Christmas Time

is always the "present" time and if you want to give some friend or loved one "a good time" buy the watch here and you will succeed.

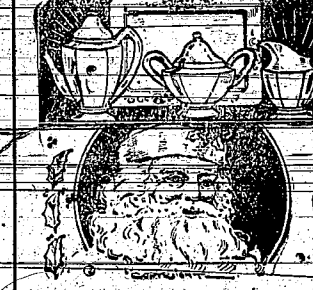
### Our Diamonds and Watches

are of the finest quality and will pass the most rigid test that experts can subject them to. We carry a large variety of gold and silver ornaments that are suitable for Christmas gifts for any age.



### The Picture of Santa Claus

is enthroned in our hearts from childhood days. A young lady likes her sweetheart's picture in a locket. Our special line of lockets, chains, bracelets, rings and pins, all appeal to the fair sex.



### It's Ahead

of all competitors, is what the people all say of PETERSON'S up-to-date Jewelry Store. They know that the cases and counters are well filled with every desired piece of Jewelry or Silverware that they can ask for.

### Beautiful Christmas Gifts

can be bought at all prices to suit all purses. We do not think that you can see our magnificent line of watches and rings without desiring to own one of them. Pay us a visit, it does not cost you anything to look at them.



### Among our Glassware

are to be found many handsome and serviceable gifts. If you like to give something that will remind the recipient of you constantly come and choose from our

### Dainty Glassware

You can select either sets or odd pieces at a cost, which you can limit to a ridiculously small sum if you are so inclined. But no matter how little you spend you will secure a gift anybody will be glad to receive.



### Such Beautiful Jewelry

is not to be seen in such variety anywhere else but here. See the display by all means, and we know that if you have the making of a gift in mind a visit here will tell you just what to choose.

# Watchmaker A. PETERSON Jeweler



# X-Mas Bargains

December 15th to December 25th, 1911.

Outing Flannel Blankets, \$4.50, cut to	\$3.75
Outing Flannel Blankets, \$2.00, cut to	1.50
Outing Flannel, 10c, cut to	8c
Apron Gingham, 9c, cut to	7c
Dress Gingham, 12 1/2c, cut to	9c
Prints, 7c, cut to	6c
Dress Goods at cut prices	
Children's Underwear, 25c, cut to	21c
Ladies' Hand Bags, good values, at cut prices	
Men's Sweaters, \$1.75, cut to	1.25
Boys' Sweaters, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Wooley Shirts, \$1.00, cut to	85c
Boys' Woollen Shirts, 50c, cut to	39c
16 in. Leather Top Rubbers, \$3.75, cut to	3.00
12 in. Leather Top Rubbers, \$3.50, cut to	2.75
8 in. Leather Top Rubber, \$3.00, cut to	2.25
Ladies' Underskirts, all wool, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Working Shoes, all sizes, per pair	1.00
Men's Fancy Shirts, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Fancy Shirts, 50c, cut to	39c
Men's Low Rubbers, \$1.85, cut to	1.50

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## SHOES FOR LADIES

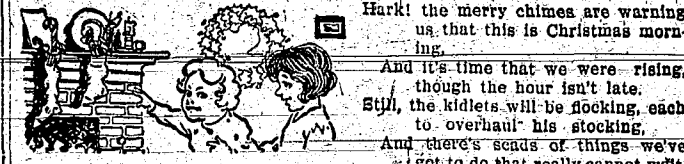
THE SHOE OF BEAUTY  
THE SHOE OF QUALITY

Excellent care taken to see that you will get  
A PERFECT FIT

### JOHN O. GOUDROW.

# The Joys of Christmas Time

By Kennett Harris



Hark! the merry chimes are warning us that this is Christmas morning. And it's time that we were rising, though the hour isn't late. Still, the kids will be dozing, each to overhaul his stockings. And there's scads of things we've got to do that really cannot wait. Yet, before we kick the clothes off (quite determined not to doze off). Let's indulge in dreamy musing on this joyous Christmastide; Let us, while the bells are pealing, get up some real Christmas feeling. Fill ourselves with sweet emotions that are not quite cut and dried. True, the minutes fast are gliding, but, consarn 'em, let 'em glide.

Think of these long weeks of waiting, all the glad-anticipating Of the gay and festive season that at last is here; Never resting, never stopping in our mad career of shopping, Searching over the ideal, not too cheap and not too dear; Crushed and elbowed in the reeking crowds, that like ourselves are seeking Just the very thing of all things that their loved ones most desired—Limp and dragged then emerging from the pushing, struggling, surging Mob, with parcels overladen, reaching home at last, dog tired. Those experiences may be best described as "most all-fired."

Yet no antiquated stoic showed endurance more heroic Than we've manifested through the weary ordeal of that time; We have stood the stress of battle with the courage of a martyr. Now we find sweet compensation listening to the Christmas chime. Whose clear cadence, soft and mellow, seems to whisper to a fellow That the worst is nearly over, that we soon may breathe again. Soon may find surcease of sorrow, and that, maybe, by tomorrow Or the next day, may be lifted something of this mental strain. That a blessed sense of rest may soothe the tissues of our brain.

We have done with haste and flurry, no occasion now to worry. Let some sensitive relation may have been quite overlooked. All the lists of names are checked and all the walls with green are decked, and Now within a few short hours the Christmas dinner will be cooked. Hail to Christmas! happy season! There is some substantial reason To be gleeful at the advent—the beginning of the end. As thou comest wreathed with holly, we can certainly be jolly. Welcome thee, with feast and wassail, and in general merriment. For we know that we have spent for thee the last cent we can spend!

Now the door bell will cease ringing to the people who were bringing An endless string of packages from north to dewy eve; We no longer will be running to conceal those things with cunning, And we'll lose our wanted air of having something up our sleeve. There will be a deuced litter, when the gewgaws gleam and glitter. Of waste paper, string and cotton, from the kitchen to the hall; But, with consciences elastic, we will grow enthusiastic. And "wonder how they guessed," as on the donors' necks we fall, Looking blissful over dewdads that we didn't want at all.

Ah, this blessed thing of giving! It is half the joy of living. To watch the looks of gratitude and pleasure and surprise That, at least to outward seeming, are upon loved faces beaming. As the loved one opens his parcel and digs out his gaudy ties. And the gentle wife and mother her emotion tries to smother.

When conducted by her husband, to some secret corner, where, As a proof of fond affection, he has hid from her detection, His gift to her, a cozy, costly, well-upholstered chair (Of whose comfort, in the future, you may bet he'll get his share).

Now this Christmas spirit moves us to sense that it behooves us To keep poverty's bare platter and its Destinies' cup. Being lack and gloom and sadness to the homes of empty sadness! To help out sweet Christmas charity who would not loosen up? But it's highly aggravating—not to say exasperating, When we've given most nobly and without thought of stint. To find out, as we expected, that the modest are neglected. And our princely benefaction hasn't found its way to print. (Certainly we didn't ask it, but a man might take a hint).

But away with sad reflection! This is no time for dejection. Merry Christmas, happy Christmas, as we said, has come at last! All the many tribulations, all the trifles and vexations That have crowded thick upon us for the last six weeks, are past. Not a protest shall be uttered, though the house with toys is cluttered And the kids are all parading to the sound of horn and drum. Lusty lung and larynx voicing the extent of their rejoicing. We will have to stand the racket now that Christmas day is come. (Later tone out nervous system at some sanitarium).

Thank the Giver if we're able to sit 'round a well-spread table. Where the plump, white-bosomed turkey sheds its savor through the room. And pudding comes on smoking, and there's no end to the joking, And no heart that harbors malice, and no mind o'cast with gloom.

Let us be profoundly grateful that we have at least a plateful. Grateful for the peppy tablets that correct our Christmas cheer; Hold it as among our mercies if there's coin left in our purses. Be thankful for those dear to us and those who hold us dear. (And most supremely thankful Christmas comes but once a year).

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### CHRISTMAS IS A PROPHECY

It Forecasts the Perfect Social Conditions Which Will Fulfill the Promises of Christ.

Christmas is not only a fact commemorating the one sacred festival in the world's calendar, but the glorious prophecy of a coming day, surpassing all the brightest social dreams that have ever visited the most advanced human mind. He sprang on His human nature, side, from kings and peasants, from saints and sinners. He is yet to lift every peasant to the kingliest throne of character and transform the chief of sinners into the holiest of saints. He allied Himself with poverty and the common people. He is yet to banish poverty with all its tins, from the world, and to give to common humanity their rightful sovereignty. He worked with His hands for His daily bread. He is yet to dignity and glorify in the thought of mankind all honest toil. He honored woman with His sympathetic and appreciative regard. He is yet to relieve her from every form of serfdom wrought by the past ages. He took little children in His arms and blessed them. He is yet to make blessed the child life in every welcoming home. He gave His peace to His distracted disciples. He is yet to make wars cease unto the end of the earth. He united His brethren with Himself and His Father in one unbroken oneness. He is yet to make every man a brother to his fellow-man and at one with his Father in Heaven.

### FANCY CALENDAR PADS FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE FOR THE Year 1912

## HOW TRUE!



"I say, old man, where is that fine gold watch you used to sport? I see now that you're wearing a plain affair in a nickel-plated case." "Well, you know, 'circumstances alter cases'."

## AMBIGUOUS



Gertrude—I'm having an awful trial with my husband. He drinks something terrible. Ellen—I never believed in these trial marriages, anyway.

## THOSE DEAR GIRLS



Myrilla—I admire Mr. Masherr because he is always saying something that one never hears from anybody else! Muriel—Has he been proposing to you, too?

## WHAT DID SHE MEAN?



Grace—That mathematics professor has been making desperate love to me lately. Mattie—I thought he claimed to be an authority on figures.

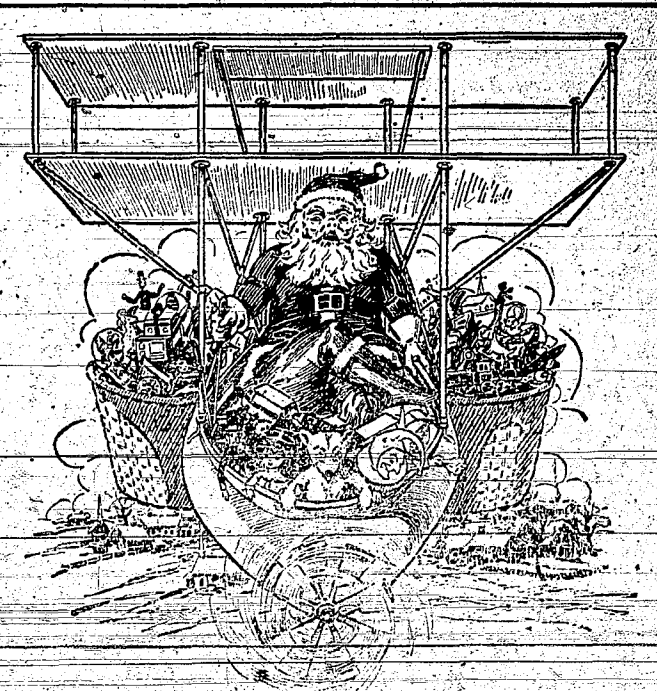
## AGREEABLE



She—You're a brute. He—Yes? Well, you say I treat you like a dog.

A number of boys wanting to learn to play band instruments with expectations to eventually organizing a Juvenile band. Enquire at my office or residence. F. G. WALTON.

**\$10.00 Reward** for evidence that will convict the boys who smashed the windows in my barn near the Dowel factory. O. PALMER.



# Christmas Will soon be here

Things look like Christmas; indeed they do in our store. Christmas merchandise, also, was never arrayed in a more fascinating display and plenitude. Extra sales people have been provided for to serve you in the best possible manner. Presents suitable for old and young. Here is an interesting assortment of gift articles, which are very acceptable:

FOR GENTLEMEN:	FOR LADIES:
Wine Sets	Vases, Glass and China
Mustache Cups	Stationery
Shaving Mugs	Parlor Lamps
Smoker Sets	Water Sets
Tobacco Jars	Salt & Pepper Shakers
Necktie Boxes	Sugar Shakers
Necktie Racks	Sugar & Creamer Sets
Clothes Brushes, in sets	Cake Plates
Pipe Racks	Berry Sets
Shaving Sets	Bread & Butter Plates
Ink Wells	Plates for Plateshelves
Traveling Sets	Steins for
Collar and Cuff Boxes	Hat Pin Holders

The above are only a few things taken from our large display; there are many other good things suitable for both Ladies and Gentlemen, for old and young, such as Photo Frames, Pictures, Paper Weights, Fountain Pens, Rugs, large or small, Books, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Couch Covers, Carpet Sweepers, Couches, Chairs, Rockers, Tables and furniture of all description. Christmas Toys for the little folks, a large variety suitable for all ages, Dolls, Musical Toys, Rubber Balls, Games, Tea Sets, Stoves, Doll Furniture, Tables and Chairs, Black Boards, Rocking Horses, Air Rifles, Sleighs, etc. For the baby we have Drinking Cups, Rattles, Rubber Dolls, Rag Dolls, Cutter Robes and many other things.

### Our Bargain Counter

offers an unusually large lot of good values; many of the reductions are considerably below cost, and affords an opportunity to buy Christmas Presents now on the basis of the customary price after Christmas reduction.

Remember, it's rush time now with Gift Buyers. Shop early and avoid disappointments

## Sorenson Furniture Store

### Marlin

Whether you live in the city or country, you'll find no 22 calibre repeating rifle like the Marlin Model 1897. For the city man this is a perfect companion for the vacation or outing trip. It's light, takes down and packs in a small space. The ammunition is inexpensive. The gun can be used with .22 calibre for target and is equally capable of handling .22 long or long-rifle cartridges without change of mechanism. On the farm the rifle is a necessity. The short cartridge is sufficient for sparrows, squirrels and small game; and the long-rifle cartridge makes the Marlin Model 97 a desirable weapon for geese, ducks, quail, etc. up to 200 yards. The "Marlin Book" of 128 pages, with handsome art cover, is jam full of up-to-date information for all gun-lovers and gives full description of all Marlin repeating rifles. Write for a stamp postcard.

42 Willow St., The Marlin Firearms Co., New Haven, Conn.

## Real Estate FOR SALE

### A Fortune For Someone

An entire section in township 27 N R 2 W, one mile from R. R. near school, excellent fruit land and for general farming; well watered. A beautiful little lake well stocked with fish. A fine lot of timber for sawing and for wood. Can be bought for half its value half cash and balance on time.

40 acres, fenced, under cultivation, 1-2 mile from village, \$600.00.

40 acres Oak Land, adjoining Grayling Park on Portage Lake, \$800.00.

Two desirable building lots on Ogema street, \$250.00.

40 acres, good neighborhood, convenient to school and post office; one-third rich black musk land and balance good. A spring brook running through the tract. Title perfect. \$200.00.

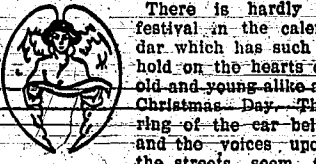
80 acres SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. 3, Grayling, good supply of stove wood on land; price and terms to suit.

40 acres in Beaver Creek, good house and stable; a good well and young orchard, and plenty of small fruit. A Bargain.

### O. PALMER

Franklin Aphorism:  
"If a man could have half his wishes he would double his trouble—Franklin."

## The Spirit of Christmas.



There is hardly a festival in the calendar which has such a hold on the hearts of old and young alike as Christmas Day. The ring of the car bells and the voices upon the streets seem to take on a more cheery tone, and the spirit of the time seems to throw a glamour over places and things which ordinarily are devoid of all beauty. As it is with places, so it is with people. They, too, not only seem to change, but the transformation does take place in millions of hearts to a greater or less degree. The spirit of Christmas even affects people who for the rest of the year are devoid of sentiment and of feeling for their fellows. The most interesting stories of Christmastide are those which will never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-conceit, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald.

**The Christmas Spirit.**  
But don't you see that there is a Santa Claus! He isn't a man in a fur coat, and a reindeer sleigh and all that, but he is the Spirit of Christmas, isn't he? They've personified that, and made a saint of him and invented legends about him—for the children, but when we're no longer children and don't believe in him, we still have that Christmas spirit—and it's that that gives presents and makes us feel toward one another, and makes Christmas what it is.—Harvey J. O'Higgins.

We will pay three cents a pound for clean cotton wiping rags. Avalanche.





# CHRISTMAS



Week from next Monday

Only 10 Days left for Gift Buying

This Store with its vast variety of gifts affords the best possible advantages for Quick Selection of Worthy Christmas Remembrances

## Chafing Dishes

A display of the latest achievements. Varieties from a beautiful inexpensive one to a complete outfit of all brass and copper, with latest generating burner and silver plated spoon and forks, with copper and ebony handle. Any young lady could be made glad with our Chafing dishes.

## Sterling Silver

Fine assortment of plain and Sterling Silver Ware. TOILET SETS, MILITARY SETS, SHAVING OUTFITS, all the latest novelties for the holidays.

## Beautiful Array of Cut Glass.

## Carving Sets

Fine Ebony and hammered brass handles

## Perfumes

We have all the odors in a variety of handsome packages. These always make handsome presents

## Christmas Post Cards in endless variety

## Thermos and Janus Bottles

We have a fine assortment; small ones for individual use, to large ones for family use, nickel plated, beautiful and useful, will keep liquids, hot or cold, for many hours.

## For Christmas Cigars, Pipes and Smokers Articles

We are headquarters. A nice box of Cigars for father, brother and friend, also Smokers Brass Goods and Humidors

## Hot Water Bottles and Electric Heating Pads

## Brushes

Clothes and Hat Brushes, Sterling Silver Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors and Dressing Mirrors, from 50c to \$6.00

## Hand Bags

All the latest styles of Hand Bags to suit the most fastidious tastes. All kinds of leathers, and sterling silver and gold mountings

## Candies

In plain and fancy boxes, and in bulk

## Refreshing Drinks

While doing your Christmas shopping visit our Soda Fountain for delicious Ice Cream and Hot Drinks.

## Box Paper and Art Calendars

Box Paper 35c, and large hand decorated art picture with each box

Our Store was never before so beautifully arrayed with Holiday Goods. Come early and get first choice. Prompt and courteous service

# THE CENTRAL DRUG STORE

## Your Breakfast Will taste better

IF YOU WILL ORDER SOME OF OUR NICE

## BACON AND FRESH EGGS

To begin with, we always buy the choicest meats, than besides we know just how to put them up for you, so that they will look nice and taste better. Send your next order to this market.

Each purchase of 10c gets you a ticket that is good for a chance on a set of dishes

**Ground green bones for your chickens**  
We have just installed a green bone grinder and can furnish this excellent egg producer at 10 pounds for 25c

Tickets number 706, buff, and 364, white, are the lucky numbers to win sets of dishes. Bring in the numbers.

**Guy W. Slade**

## Additional Local News

Have you seen Hathaway's bargain window?

Rev. J. B. Thies of West Branch was a visitor at the home of Father Riess.

Clifford F. Walton, of Detroit, is here to spend the holidays with his father, F. G. Walton, and family.

A large Michigan pennant belonging to Miss Eleanor Anderson was stolen from the opera house last Thursday night. It is suggested that if the person taking it will kindly return it by mail they will avoid trouble and further publicity.

The B. G. T. club held their weekly meeting at the home of Miss Clara Peterson Thursday, December 14th. Sewing was in order until nine o'clock when a dainty lunch was served and a guessing contest took place of which Miss A. Irving won the prize. All pronounced it a very enjoyable evening.

Next Friday evening, December 23rd, at 6:30 p. m., Father Riess will entertain at his home all the children of the Sunday School classes with a "Christmas Reception," and Santa Clause will also be present to gladden the hearts of all the children. All children of all the Sunday School classes are requested to be present on this evening.

Miss Vera Crandall entertained about twelve of her young lady friends at a "Stag" party last Friday evening. Of course, as may be imagined, the girls had dressed in their (?) best suits and impersonated the "male sex while on their good behavior." A real enjoyable time was had. After refreshments Mr. Wingard made a record of their appearance by taking a flashlight picture.

Our merchants report a splendid holiday trade.

The W. R. C. will not hold their regular meeting Saturday, December 23rd, on account of the holidays.

Rev. Father Riess went to Chicago last Monday on business. He will also visit Father Webber, Nye and Magnan for a day.

Miss Ruth Barlow, after spending several months at the home of her Uncle Doc, returned to Chicago last Monday. She will be missed in the Palmer home, also by her many friends here.

Basket ball game at Temple theatre tomorrow (Friday) evening between Grayling high school and Gaylord high school. Our team has won four straight games so here goes for another scalp.

1913 Calendars! Sounds premature, doesn't it? But that is just what we mean. We are going to have some of the swellest lines that ever came to Grayling, and when the calendar men come around please tell them that you are getting yours from your local printer. We want every order for calendars that is given out in this town and in order to do so we are going to be prepared to give you any style or grade that you want and our prices are going to be less than the other fellow's because we won't have travelling expenses to add to our costs.

A Trust Foundation.  
Health—honesty—hopes—sense and hard work is a combination you can't do without. If your rival has these qualities, form a trust with him.—Atchison Globe.

Proof Positive.  
Stella—"Are they wealthy?" Bella—"They gave baby an auto tire to cut its teeth."—Harper's Bazar.

## Methodist Christmas Program

Tomorrow evening (Friday) the M. E. church will give the following program, beginning at seven o'clock: Opening, Methodist hymnal p. 110.

Welcome, George Corwin.  
Recitation, Kenneth Crandall.  
Recitation, Milton Hathaway.  
Song, Choir.

Drill, Five of Miss Smith's class.  
Song, Mrs. Pettit's class.  
Recitation, Francis Narrin.  
Recitation, Verna Biggs.  
Song, Congregation.

Dialogue, Mrs. McKane's and Miss Bauman's classes.  
Song, Mrs. Knight's class.  
Recitation, Elgin Narrin.  
Recitation, Mildred Wilbur.  
Song, Choir.

Recitation, Mildred Bates.  
Recitation, Austin Narrin.  
Song, Miss Smith's class.  
Recitation, Mildred Corwin.  
Song, Choir.

Recitation, Bertha Bates.  
Recitation, Gladys Everett.  
Solo, Ambrose Mellairup.  
Recitation, Francisella Wingard.  
Recitation, Rena Bates.  
Song, Congregation.

Recitation, Miss E. McKane.  
Christ's Birth, Rev. Ivay.  
Tableau, Agnes Smith and Marguerite Burgess.

Notice.  
The annual meeting of stockholders of Grayling Opera House company will be held at opera house 7:30 p. m., January 9th 1912.

J. E. How, President.  
F. Narrin, Secretary.

**THE KEELEY LIQUOR MORPHINE CURE**  
32 Years Success  
ONLY ONE IN NINE. INFORMATION.  
GRAND RAPIDS, 265 So. College Ave.

## CANDIES

Prices range from 25c

per box up to \$10.00 a box

We can show you some delicious things in the CONFECTIONERY LINE

## PIPES

A good Pipe for 25c and better ones up to a Sweet Meerschaum for \$6.00

## CIGARS

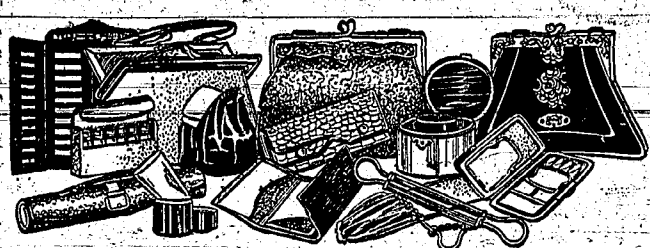
Christmas Boxes, just the thing for some friend who smokes  
From 50c a box  
Up to \$4.00 a Box

While doing your Christmas shopping visit  
**OUR SODA FOUNTAIN**  
for delicious hot and cold drinks, also hot Bouillon and Beef Tea

**Olaf Sorenson & Sons**

Be Avalanche free. See Ad. on last page.





## Buy Your Christmas Presents AT OUR STORE

We have a fine line and our prices are low. Gifts pricing from 10c to \$15.00. Perfumery from 10c to \$5.00. Ladies Hand Bags, Toilet Sets, pretty hand painted Calendars, Cigars in Christmas boxes for the Gentlemen, Box Candy, Tinsel, Bells, etc. for decorating. Also a nice line of books.

**A. M. LEWIS & CO.**

### Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

#### Local and Neighborhood News.

Additional local news on page six.  
R. W. Brink was in Bay City on business Tuesday.

It will pay you to look over Hatfield's bargain window.

Father Riess was called to Gaylord on business last Wednesday.

Mrs. Hoiger Schmidt was in Bay City last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ethel Tremble is home from patient to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Crowley offers all her \$5 and \$6 hats at \$2.50, and \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50.

Rev. and Mrs. James Ivey will spend Christmas with their daughter at Indian River.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Walton will spend Christmas with Mrs. Walton's parents at Romeo.

A. Kraus & Son have an ad on the last page of this paper and are quoting prices. Don't fail to read it.

Mrs. Turner of Vanderbilt is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Joe Leadbetter and Mrs. Roy Barber and families.

Genuine holly wreaths all ready to hang up in your windows or for decorating, twenty cents each at Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

Miss Carrie Johnson, who has been in the company's office since last June, left yesterday for Flint to spend the holidays with her mother and sisters.

Miss Francella Wingard has taken a position at the model bakery. Just now she is helping out in the candy making department, dipping chocolates.

The usual "every other Friday night" party was held at the rooms of the Grayling Social club last week and a pleasant time spent in card playing and dancing.

A beautiful French doll is going to be given to the person guessing the nearest number of marbles in a glass jar at the model bakery. The doll is a large one, dressed in the latest French fashions from shoes to millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newman of Brown City are expected here tonight for a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis. They are on a wedding trip and expect to leave for Wisconsin Friday. Mrs. Newman is a sister of Mr. Lewis.

Christmas services at St. Mary's Catholic church will be conducted on Christmas day as follows: First mass at 5 o'clock, second mass at 6:15 a. m. (in hospital chapel) and the third mass at 10:00 a. m. Confessions will be heard on the previous evening at 7:00 p. m.

The boys at the band will have put up a Christmas tree and at odd times have been decorating it. We haven't heard just when they expect Santa Claus to finish the decorating, but surely he won't pass by this beautiful display without something to gladden the hearts of the boys.

We thought that Christmas was next Monday, but according to Olson's ad on page six it is one week from next Monday. Now we believe that some school boys and girls should go into the Central Drug store and inform them that they have made a mistake and that Christmas is next Monday, so that Mr. Olson and Mr. Royster won't forget to hang up their stockings next Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brink entertained the Married People's Card club last Monday evening. About twenty-five were present and enjoyed a good time. The home was tastefully decorated in holly and Xmas bells. A delightful luncheon was served and Mrs. Brink says that there was nothing drier about it—it was a good substantial lunch. Mrs. S. S. Phelps Jr. and Scott Loder won the head prizes and Mr. and Mrs. David Verner, by their brilliant playing succeeded in capturing all other prizes of the evening.

A. M. Lewis & Co. have a line of Ladies' hand bags on exhibition.

Rev. Father Riess held services at Lewiston last week Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps Jr. and children visited friends in Mason, Detroit and Bay City last week.

All our \$5 and \$6 hats at \$2.50, and all \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50.

Mrs. Crowley.

New and second-hand cutters for sale at Langevin's barn. Either single or double style.

Salting, Hanson Company are ready to book your order for coal for the coming winter. Order now to insure prompt delivery.

Mrs. D. D. Allen and son Robert, of Bellaire, Michigan, are here to spend the holidays with her son, J. J. Manney, and family.

Rev. George Nye of Cheboygan was a caller at St. Mary's rectory and also visited his class-mate, Father O'Brien, who is ill at Mercy hospital.

Miss Lulu M. Sias is visiting her parents in Midland and expects to remain during the holidays. Miss Irene Burton will have charge of the millinery store during Miss Sias' absence.

A sewing machine for the wife is a most sensible present. We have in stock a few of those high grade Royal machines and can deliver promptly. We can refer you to scores of users right here in Grayling. Come in and see our stock.

We want your orders for spring cutters, Portland cutters and cutter gears, bushings, buggies and spring wagons, gasoline engines and cream separators. A nice line on hand and it will pay you to come in and look these over. Wm. McCullough.

T. M. Odell purchased a fine work team last week from Grayling. They are a span of bay mares weighing about 2400 pounds, and are ten and eleven years old. He purchased these for farm work. Look for bigger potatoes than ever next year.

We want your subscriptions for magazines and publications. We can give you the lowest possible clubbing offers. A nice way to remember a friend for Christmas—send them a year's subscription to some good magazine.

OLAF SORENSON & SONS.

We wish our customers and friends a Merry Christmas and we heartily thank them for their co-operation in making our business a success. We hope in the future to supply them with the same good goods and low prices as in the past.

BRENNER'S CASH STORE.

Invitations have been received here from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson for the wedding of their daughter, Hazel Lillian, to Mr. Geo. F. Schofield, to take place at one o'clock on January 1st. Miss Wilson is one of Grayling's girls, having always lived here until a short while ago, and has hosts of friends here.

A very nice marriage ceremony took place at the county clerk's office on Tuesday afternoon, December 19. Mr. James Thompson of Dewar, Mich., age eighteen, and Miss Elsie M. Green of Hallett, age eighteen, were united by Rev. J. Humphrey Fleming of Grayling. The father of the groom and the mother of the bride acted as witnesses.

A new directory for the telephone company is just being finished in this office. The exchange has about 250 subscribers and is growing so fast that it keeps the company busy stringing new wire and making extensions. People have learned that time is more valuable than money and that to accomplish their share in this world they must grasp such commodities as the telephone and other labor saving devices.

Everywhere the spirit of Christmas is present and we only hope that nothing may occur to dampen the pleasures of any of our people on this day. We would also be sorry indeed if we hear of any little boy or girl who has not received some remembrance to help to make the day a happy one. A kindly act or a cheerful word may do wonders and is sure to bring happiness to ourselves. Our sincere wish is that our readers and friends may find this day a most pleasant one.



# Christmas Opening Only Three More Days

Do you realize that there is a very short time left to do your Christmas shopping? We urge you to visit our store and inspect the various departments. Every Shelf and counter is loaded with practical gifts suitable for every member of the family.

We here quote a few of the numerous articles that are always acceptable:

For the Man	For the Lady	For the Boy	For the Girl
Fancy Ties, one in a box	Pretty Silk Waists	Shoes and Rubbers	Dresses
Fancy Suspenders, one pair in box	Skirts, Suits	Caps, Mitts, Ties	Furs, Mitts
Silk Scarfs, from 50c to \$2.50	Coats and Furs	Sweaters	Shoes
Knit Scarfs, 25c and 50c	Muslin Underwear	Underwear	Fancy Ribbons
Smoking Jackets	Bags and Purses	Suits	Knit Caps
Bath Robes	Silk Scarfs and Veils	Overcoats	Handkerchiefs
Gloves and Mittens, from 25c up	White Aprons	Sleeping Garments	Sweaters, Coats
Fancy Socks	Kimono and Dressing Sacques	Hosiery	Stockings
Sweaters, Caps	Gloves and Mittens		Leggins
Hats, Shirts, Handkerchiefs	Handkerchiefs		
Suit Cases and Trunks	Napkins and Table Linen		
Suits and Overcoats	Drawn Work		

Hundreds of other articles that make presentable gifts. Bring your list, for not only will you find a larger and better selection, but we will save you money

# GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

## QUALITY STORE

Start an account at the Santa Claus bank. It pays valuable dividends.

Buy some of those holly boxes of A. M. Lewis & Co. They are fine to send presents in.

The Presbyterian church and congregation will observe Christmas in both services next Sunday.

Christmas Art goods. Stamped linens and all colors in stock, at Mrs. Crowley's.

ROUND Pocketbook containing money. Owner may have same by proving property. At this office.

Pair of light logging skis for sale at \$15. Phone T. M. Odell. Post office address: Wellington, Mich.

Mrs. Carl Madison of Johannesburg has returned home after spending two weeks in Grayling at Mercy hospital.

Miss Lucy Branch, who is at Mercy hospital, is gaining rapidly, which was not expected by friends. We wish her speedy recovery.

The annual Christmas tree and Yule tide program of the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held in the Presbyterian church Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

About five years ago F. G. Walton organized and conducted a juvenile band of sixty members, in Bay City, and it was a credit to that city. Mr. Walton is an excellent musician and teacher and we hope that his venture to start something similar here will materialize. Mr. Walton says that he wants good clean young men for this work and that rowdism will not be permitted. Any boy between the ages of eight and eighteen is qualified to join this juvenile band. Mr. Walton wants to get this work started soon after Christmas and desires that those interested call him up at his home, phone no. 341, and talk this matter over with him. Instruments may be procured at a moderate price and if desired can be furnished through Mr. Walton or through any music dealer.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

Officers elected for the county Farmers' Institute held here December 6 and 7, are as follows: President, L. B. Merrill; secretary, Hugo Schreiber Jr.; vice-presidents: Grayling twp., Henry Feltmeyer and Chas. Curwin; Beaver Creek twp., John R. Skinsley and Hans Christensen; South Branch, O. F. Barnes; Maple Forest, William Feltmeyer and Frank F. Owens; Frederic, Wellington Batters.

A beautiful miniature Santa Claus bank has been established in our store for the children. From now until Xmas we will issue purchase coupons and checks with each sale. Any one who comes to become a depositor will be given a bank book and permitted to deposit these coupons and checks in the Santa Claus bank. Valuable premiums will be distributed to the depositors according to the amount of coupons in the bank. Deposits may be cashed in for dividends at any time before Christmas.

Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Last Saturday afternoon Mike Brenner conducted an advertising scheme to catch the children and he had a crowd of youngsters that would have been the envy of the Pied Piper. Probably more than five hundred boys and girls were down to the depot to meet the afternoon Michigan Central train from the north, expecting that Santa Claus would arrive from the north pole as advertised in this paper last week. Well, he came, with his big red suit and white whiskers and boarded a sleigh and invited as many kids as could get on, then away they flew with the others following as fast as they could. Old Santa furnished every kid on the sleigh with a tin horn that was lustily tooted until they reached Happy Mike Brenner's store where an improvised post office had been arranged and with Santa Claus as postmaster every boy or girl that passed his window was presented with either a letter or an autograph picture of himself. For forty-five minutes there was a steady stream of children pouring through the store and they say that nearly seven hundred pieces of mail were given out. Mr. Brenner is a good live advertiser and knows how to interest the people. Everybody likes Mike and with such enterprise he is doing his share toward keeping business in Grayling.

At high noon, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. S. McIlstrup, occurred the marriage of Miss Eleanor McIlstrup to Mr. Fred H. Powrie of Bay City. It was a pretty but simple wedding, only the immediate family being present. Rev. James Ivey of the Methodist church officiated. Mrs. Powrie is a lady of charming personality which has made her popular with Grayling people, where she has lived for several years. Mr. Powrie is a young man of sterling worth and character. He has for some time been in the employment of Handy Bros. of Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Powrie took the 1:30 train for Saginaw, from whence they will go to Bay City where they will be at home to their friends at 311 N. Dewitt st. The Avalanche joins in extending congratulations.

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Christmas Dinner  
ROAST TURKEY  
ROAST DUCK  
ROAST GOOSE  
ROAST CHICKEN  
ESCALLOPED OYSTERS  
We have them all and most anything else you may need in the meat line for a Grand Christmas Dinner  
Don't wait but send in your order at once.  
F. H. MILKS



## Candy

During the holiday season we will have the greatest sale of Christmas Candies ever held in Grayling.

### 1000 Pounds

await your order. The assortment is complete. Don't forget some of our Rock Candy for the children.

We were fortunate in ordering our Christmas Candies during the past summer, before the advance of sugar and it cannot be purchased at double price to-day.

It has just arrived and we are ready to give our customers the benefit of low prices.

## BRINK'S GROCERY



# Christmas in Foreign Land

By John Foster Frazer

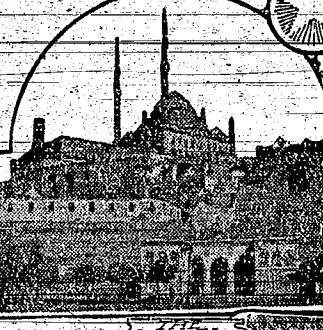
**A**FTER all, there is no place like home in which to celebrate Christmas. Even when the day does not come up to the old-fashioned pictorial representation of snow on the ground and red-breasted robins on the boughs, but is instead green and sunshiny, Christmas at home has an appropriateness and its scene in a way it cannot do in other lands.

It is rather hard to imagine appropriateness about Christmas under a blazing sky, and the thermometer is 90 degrees in the shade. How out of place the picturesque characters from Dickens' novels—muffled and cheery and full of boisterous mirth—would have been if they could have been conveyed on the magic carpet to gorgeous Cairo! Wealthy people, and in these days of cheap travel, those who are not wealthy, now seek sunshine in the months which are considered dreary; so each Christmastide crowds of British people betake themselves to the City of the Caliphs, proceed up the Nile, and even on Christmas night, toast the old folks at home in the magnificent hotel at Khartoum.

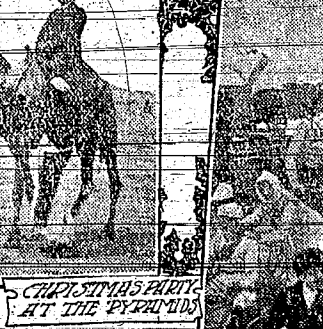
Our grandfathers and grandmothers, who regarded Christmas as a time of waits and holly berries and taking



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CHRISTMAS PART AT THE PYRAMIDS

Kets of provisions to poor folks, then attending the festooned and decorated church for morning service, and afterwards, with lights up and candles drawn, proceeded to consume slabs of turkey and roast beef—chunks of plum pudding and innumerable mince pies, with the object of bringing the happy months would twirl in their graves if they could see the manner in which thousands of their descendants celebrate the day in Cairo.

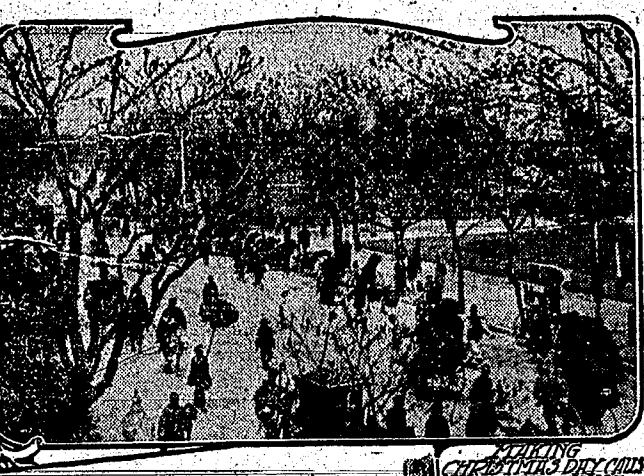
I have known snow in Cairo, but the occasions are as rare as blue moons. As a rule, the morning comes with blinding sunshine, with not a cloud in the sky, and the atmosphere not only warm, but sultry. It is not the occasion for topcoats or mufflers or fur capes. The men are in flannels and the women are in white flannel. Possibly some attend the English church, with the hope of being reminded what day it is; but the majority go off upon excursions, wandering through the quaint, bedecked and scented bazaars, where the Mohammedan salesmen, with little concern about the Christian festival, ply their wares of selling, antiques, radiant robes and hand-made Oriental carpets. The majority, however, bent on going to the Pyramids, and under the sweltering sun climb to the summit of the great burial pile of the Cheops, and then, likely enough, mounted on donkeys, scurry across the hot sands to the Sphinx, in the shadow of which they proceed to picnic.

It is late afternoon, and the big sun is setting over the Libyan desert, and the bells in the mosques are tinkling for the faithful Mohammedans to come and pray when most of our fellow country people return to their hotels. There is no old-style Christmas dinner. The fare is French; the music is probably Austrian. Somehow, the occasion, delicious and happy though it be, does not fit the picture. The moon rises and the evening is fragrant, whilst parties sit out upon the balconies, before the dancing begins. And then thoughts inevitably wander to what the folks at home are doing.

Even with ourselves, particularly in London, a great change is coming over the celebration of Christmas. People with families, especially those with young children, do keep up something of the tradition. But amongst those who are grown up, the tendency is to spend Christmas night at one of the great restaurants of pleasure—a first-class West End restaurant or a hotel, where in the entrance hall there is generally a magnificent Christmas tree, and the dinner is lavish, the music ravishing, and everything is bright and noisy, and the air is rippled with the laughter of pretty women.

The old-time Christmas is voted dull; besides, taking one's Christmas dinner at a hotel is reckoned much cheaper than having it at home. Within short memory a great change has come over our manner of spending Christmas. Though some of people go to the big hotels on the south coast, the hydropathic establishments in the provinces are invariably crowded. Thousands upon thousands of men and women—chiefly those who are still in blithe manhood and womanhood—seek themselves to Switzerland. For a week before Christmas the London stations which are jumping-off places for the continent are as busy as in summer holiday time dispatching Britons to the Alps.

Christmas in Switzerland? Why, a dozen years ago the majority of British people would have shuddered at the idea. Switzerland in dead of winter, with heaped-up snow and storms and bitter cold, was not to be thought of. Great has been the alteration. Though there is plenty of snow, the atmosphere is dry and the sun shines brightly. The air is invigorating. There is sufficient of skating to be obtained, exciting, races



CHRISTMAS DAY IN CHINA



above the chair. When the dinner is over there follows the usual and appropriate speech making. Then comes the dance. That the company is in a distant foreign land is forgotten. The flavor of Christmas tide at home is with the assembly. Laughter and merriment are unbounded.

And is it not well at Christmas tide to think of those of our own race and land who are in far corners of the world? I do not only mean those who are in the great cities of Canada or Australia or South Africa or even in the semi-British towns in India. Rather I have in mind lands where few British men and women, some traders, some missionaries, but all cut off by enormous distances from what is called the civilized world, whom it takes six weeks or two months for a letter to reach, and whose Christmas day is inclined to bring sad thoughts, not only because of the lonely lives they are leading, but by reason of the recollection of the other and more happy Christmas days they spent before they left the homeland.

Dotted about the world, in Africa, in lonely Indian stations, in the far northwest of Canada, out on the deserts of Australia, those people will be eating their Christmas dinners on the same day as ourselves. So in the flush of happiness which comes to most of us, it is not a bad thing to let the thoughts wander to fellow Britons so far off that sometimes they are inclined to be forgotten.

Also there are others. I remember a Christmas day I spent on a tramp ship, a common-law tramp ship, in slow pace, plowing her way through a storm in the Bay of Biscay. We ought to have been home before Christmas, but the weather had buffeted us and we were nearly a week behind our time. Christmas morning came drearily as the old vessel bumped her way over the angry waters. We had no Christmas cheer, no turkey, no plum pudding, no wine, but we had timed rabbit and some bottles of stout on board. While the ship pitched and rolled the captain and his men and myself gulped our poor Christmas cheer and toasted each other in stout. Then the men went out to their work in the galley. I stood on the bridge together with the officer in charge while the wind howled and the sleet slashed and we pressed on slowly into the gloom. Not a very merry Christmas! But still the kind of Christmas that will be spent by many thousands of good British sailors in far seas.

For a contrast where better could you go to spend Christmas day than at the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem? It is not quite the same as it was in Biblical times, though a good deal of it has not altered through many generations. It seems out of place to go to Jerusalem by railway and, outside the station, to be met by a horde of shrieking cab drivers seeking the job of conveying you to one of the big hotels.

Christmas day this year is on a Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, when thousands of Jews, conscious of what the day means to Christians, lament that the Messiah they expect has not come. Christians, Jews, Mohammedans, all jostle in the narrow streets of Jerusalem. On Christmas Eve the Mohammedans, who, curiously enough, have charge of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to prevent quarrelsome Christians doing injury to one another, will be keeping the Mohammedan Sabbath, and from the walls of the city will sound the muezzin or the Mullahs cry: "There is only one God and Allah is his prophet; come all ye faithful and pray." Then, as the sun begins to drop on Christmas Eve, you may go to all that remains of the old walls of Jerusalem, and come across crowds of Jews, hooded women and men ringleted, many of them from distant shores, kissing the stones which once surrounded the city of their forefathers.

On Christmas morning, with the slouching Turkish soldiers at the door of the church, many Christians will enter to attend service, crouch through the low and narrow doorway, and have the privilege of kissing the stone on which tradition says the body of Christ was laid after the Crucifixion. See that group of tourists mounted on shaggy and ill-fed ponies! They are full of light-heartedness as they scamper along the rugged paths beyond the gates of Jerusalem. They are off to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity—dark and solemn and rather eerie with many subdued lights.

Christmas day brings many and varied recollections to the man who has wandered much about this old world.

Too True, Why is the race not always to the swift, my boy? "Because their gasoline gives out, sir."

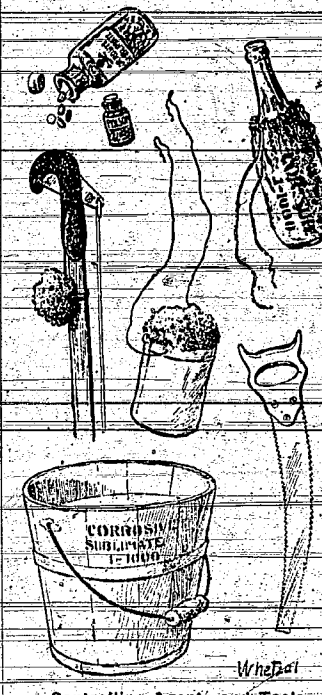
## FIRE BLIGHT

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Judging from the inquiries and specimens sent to the department of botany this past summer, no disease of apple or pear is more common than fire blight. Every pear or apple orchard visited showed cankers caused by this disease. It is too often the case that fruit growers do not recognize symptoms of this disease and it is notorious that many make no attempt to combat it.

**The Signs.**  
The first thing necessary in fighting this disease is to know its symptoms or signs.

Fire blight on either apple or pear usually starts in the blossoms. It can also start in growing twigs—water shoots ("suckers") especially, and it has been shown that the fruit-bark borer is very active in spreading the blight. Once inside the twig, the advance of the disease is rapid. The twig is killed, the bark becomes water-soaked and finally black. The leaves, dead and curled, cling to the tips. In the apple, this twig blight is the most common form, but in the



Controlling Agents and Tools

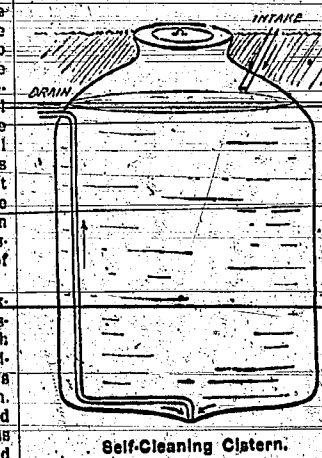
pear in addition to the killing of the twigs, limb and trunk blight occurs. The canker of fire blight is nothing more nor less than the dead spot or strip. These cankers usually can be traced to the dead twig or an insect puncture—the entrance point.

As soon as the bark and growing layers are killed, the dead parts dry out and take on a sunken appearance. If one digs into one of these spots, he finds the tissue dry and brown while healthy tissue is full of sap and green. The surrounding bark grows and pulls away from these canker areas. Thus the canker becomes marked out by a sharp line. Were these canker areas small and if they did not increase in size, the loss would not be so great, but many times these cankers increase in size.

## SELF-CLEANING CISTERN

By R. J. BALDWIN  
Michigan Agricultural College

Cleaning the cistern has always been a disagreeable task. Much trouble can be avoided by building of brick and cement with a tight cover over the top. This will keep out all dirt such as leaves, frogs, mosquito larvae, sticks, etc., but still there will be a sediment of soil, dead insects and other things collect in the bottom. If the cistern is built as shown in the diagram, the overflow water will carry away all dirt from the bottom and the cistern will be clean without the attention of anyone. As the water raises above the middle of the bottom, thus carry-



Self-Cleaning Cistern.

ing away the stale water and sediment which have accumulated below. The intake should be made of heavy galvanized iron pipe and should be well cemented around where it enters the cistern. The drain should be of heavy cast-iron pipe and should take the water from the lowest point on the bottom. The extra expense of such a device is small and when once

sometimes extending down the limb several feet. The great majority of these cankers, in the end, completely girdle the limb. This limb may be one of the largest on the tree and at once the bearing power of the tree is cut in two.

From the larger limbs and from the water shoots ("suckers") the blight cankers on the trunk may start—commonly called body blight. This body blight frequently kills the whole tree.

**The Cause.**  
Fire blight is caused by bacteria. It is therefore a disease comparable to tuberculosis, the one being a disease of plants and the other a disease of animals, but each caused by a definite organism or germ, belonging to the group called bacteria.

The bacteria which cause fire blight lives over in many of the old cankers. In the spring of the old cankers, the germs ooze out in gummy, sticky drops and each drop contains millions of the organisms. Bees and other insects visit these drops and thus carry the germs to the flowers. In the nectar of the flowers the germs multiply enormously and bees passing from flower to flower, dipping into the nectar, spread the germs throughout the trees in the orchard.

**The Cure.**  
Success in controlling fire blight depends on three things: First, recognition of the symptoms of the disease; second, constant vigilance; third, frequent inspection of the apple and pear orchard. The work necessary can be done most quickly and profitably with the tools and solutions shown in the cut. The plan is as follows: With a carpenter's gouge, clean out all cankered spots on limbs and trunk, cutting out the diseased

tissue and exposing the healthy wood. Disinfect the cut surface with a corrosive sublimate, one tablet to a pint of water. Carry this solution in a pail, and soak a sponge with it and swab the wound out. This wounded surface should be painted over with a good lead paint or tar. It will then heal in the course of a few years. Do this in the fall or winter. In the spring, when the blossoms begin to fall, inspect the orchard frequently. Clip out all cases of twig blight. Sprayer attached to the pump should be wet with the disinfectant, and the twig which is cut off should be touched with the wet sponge. Break off all water-sprouts from the roots and trunk, thus getting rid of the chief source of limb and trunk cankers.

Limb Cankers.

A twig with black leaves clinging to it should be a banner of the enemy, inviting attack. Each canker on the tree is a menace to the rest of the tree. The control of fire blight is a business proposition. Each large limb of the tree will bear a certain amount of fruit—a bushel, two bushels—not for one year alone but for many years. To save a limb will take ten or fifteen minutes' time—twenty to fifty bushels of pears for ten minutes' work is good pay.

The department of botany will examine specimens of diseased plants free of charge, and give such advice as is necessary for the control of these diseases. Address: The Department of Botany, East Lansing, Mich.

Installed the force of gravity carries the dirt up the drain pipe and relieves us of that disagreeable job every season.

Should Have Droppings Platform. In order to facilitate cleanliness in the poultry house and to greatly reduce the amount of dirt, droppings boards should be used. By using a little precaution in placing the droppings boards so as not to obstruct the light, the entire floor space beneath can be utilized for a scratching floor. At least six inches should be allowed between the droppings boards and the roosts, the distance depending entirely upon the arrangement of the roosts. If the platform is made in sections it can be handled much more easily, as it is frequently found desirable to remove them in cleaning. Smooth flooring is the most desirable material to use; when expensive is not considered, the cleaning is greatly facilitated if this is covered with tin or sheet iron. The platform can be cleaned easily with a wide-headed scraper. The droppings can be scraped off the boards into barrels, in which they can be conveniently removed to the land.

**Disking Alfalfa Fields.**  
After alfalfa fields are a year old, and if weeds or grasses have come in, they might be harrowed with a spring-tooth harrow after cutting, and smoothed down with a spike-tooth drag. After the plan has become older and tougher, the field might be gone over with spring with a disk harrow, taking care not to set it at too great an angle, and then this should be followed by the spike-tooth drag.

**Pigeon Raising.**  
One of the most successful pigeon raisers we know feeds his birds nothing but whole corn.

French pigeon fanciers feed millet with a slight mixture of hemp seed, and also very small peas soaked in water. The feeding is done by hand in many cases.

Although flying about and apparently of mature age, birds may be distinguished as squabs by the squealing noise they make, which is always the call of the squab.

**Even the Cocks Were Surprised.**  
The chef at Delmonico's was reflecting over the unique dinner he cooked recently for James Easton Tower, the editor of Good Housekeeping, his staff and a lot of friends, and figuring on whether he could serve a dinner for 600 banquetters with paper bag cooking as promptly as he had 50. It is said that some of the under-cooks were strongly prejudiced against upsetting the traditions of their craft by cooking in paper bags, even for once, and were surprised and delighted at the results obtained.

**Have an Exalted Model.**  
The future is your uncut block of marble. Beware how you smite it. Don't strike it without a program. Don't strike a blow with your chisel without a model, lest you ruin and mar forever the angel which lives within the block; but the past marble, while you have carved into hideous images, which have warped and twisted the ideals of your youth, and caused you infinite pain, need not ruin or mar the uncut block before you. This is one of the merciful provisions that every day presents to every human being; no matter how unfortunate his past, a new uncut block of pure Parian marble, so that every day every human being has a new chance to retrieve the past, to improve upon it if he will.—O. S. Marsden.

**Crew Made Gallant Fight.**  
Three weeks' fighting in mid-ocean with a cargo of burning wheat was the experience of the crew of the steamship *Felbridge*, which arrived in the Thames at London, England, recently from the River Plate. On taking off the hatch one day, the captain discovered the base of the grain on fire. Gallant efforts were made to subdue the flames, but in vain. Then 208 bags of flour were taken from another part of the ship and packed into the burning hold to about two inches from the top, and the hose was applied so as to make the flour into a stiff paste. This made the hold practically air-tight, and by covering the hatch with oilskins and playing the hose on them the crew kept the fire under control until they reached port.

**Universal Habit of Wastefulness.**  
We have not yet organized our economic life with sufficient reference to the poor. A French family will get along well on a very small part of what an American family of the same size requires. We lack thrift—not only thrift in the buying and the use of food, but a corresponding cheapness in growing it, in transporting it, in marketing it, in distributing it. Waste is a habit of wastefulness, even a universal habit of wastefulness—that's our trouble; and it takes many forms. The thriftest poor family must live in New York on an income that the same family would live very well on in Paris or in most continental cities. The whole organization of our life is wasteful.

**The English of the Bible.**  
This noble work is remembered with our land's language as is none other can be; it is warp and woof of the English mind; it is largely the history of the English people. Did we not venerate it, gather around it, cherish it as a national shrine, we should be poor Englishmen indeed. It beggars every other English translation, not least the Revised, which happily is seldom read in our Anglican churches. If any one would feel the splendor of the Authorized Version, let him dip into a translation, done by some one lately of the New Testament into common English of today; he will blush for his English—London Saturday Review.

**Valuable Scientific Discovery.**  
A discovery suggesting the possibility of the partial transmutation of precious stones by means of radium has just been made accidentally at the Cornish radium works. One of the chief officials, while handling the tubes containing the rare element, noticed that a diamond in his ring seemed to change color and increase in brilliancy. Since then several experiments have been made. A variety of precious stones have been encased in a box with two tubes, each containing 50 milligrams of radium. Every stone changed color after exposure of different duration. Some magnificent tints have been obtained, including a delicate pink in one diamond.

**Samuel's Leg.**  
Little Girl—Your papa has only got one leg, hasn't he?  
Veteran's Little Girl—Yes.  
Little Girl—Where's his other leg?  
Veteran's Little Girl—Lush, dear. It's in Heaven—Home Herald.

**Many Children Are Sickly.**  
Mother's milk is sweet food for children from the child in a month, unless the mother has a weak stomach, in which case the milk is not so good. Mothers should regulate the bowels, and destroy worms. They are so pleasant to take children like them. See Mother's Friend for 2 years. All druggists. See Sample mailed FREE. Address: A. S. Olmsted, Lector, N.Y.

**The cry of Poot.**  
The cry of Poot, when he found the state of his back was harrowing.  
Why not?  
"Because it was the cry of a lost sole."

**A cheerful liar is more entertaining than a gloomy truth teller.**

**Henkel's Bread Flour Velvet Pastry Commercial Pancake**

Popular with the trade before many of us were born and gaining new friends every day. Let your next order be for Henkel's.

**FLOUR**

**Parker's Hair Balm**

Is afflicted with a sore eye, use Thompson's Eye Water

**TAKE A DOSE OF PISO'S**

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR COUGHS & COLDS

## Moslem's Literary Center

Cairo, with a population of 654,486, and law or pours out such a flood of literature as does Cairo. Millions of pages of the Koran, commentaries, by the hundred thousand, and scores of books attacking the Christian faith, defending Islam, or propagating its teaching, come ceaselessly year after year from the Moslem presses of this great center of Moslem learning. Books printed in Cairo are read by

the camp fires of the Saraha, in the market-places of Timbuctoo, under the shadow of the Kaaba, and are treasured in the mosques of Java and western China. There is no speech or language in the Moslem world; where the voice of the Cairo press is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

To Beautify Canal Banks. The Panama canal is to be ornamented as well as useful. The government

sent down an expert botanist with the hundreds of tons of seed in order to plant the sloping sides of the great ditch in various grasses. The strong roots will serve to hold the banks in place and prevent their tendency to slide, but the government had an eye to beauty as well.

Careless Mother. Lady—Why do you cry, little boy? Little Boy—That mother of mine 'as gone—an' lost me again!—The By-stander.









## Beautiful Assortment of Gift Merchandise

Throngs of happy people and a prevailing spirit of good cheer throughout the store, all point to the nearness of the glorious Christmas festival. Do you realize that only three more days remain for you to do X-Mas shopping? We are determined that this month shall eclipse all former sale records for December. To that end we have

### Inaugurated a Special Sale in every Department

offering values such as only this store is capable of giving.

<b>Assortments each 50c, 75c and \$1.00</b>	<b>Embroidered Handkerchiefs</b>	<b>Embroidered Handkerchiefs</b>
<b>Art Department Specials</b>	Ladies' all linen embroidered, initial Ardine hand embroidered, Madina hand embroidered each.....	chiefs at Ardine Armenian and Medina embroidered Handkerchiefs, special each at.....
Tapestry Cushion Covers, top and bottom with tassels on corners.....	25	35
<b>Gloves for Men, Women and Children</b>	<b>Jewelry Department</b>	<b>Handkerchiefs at 10c</b>
The most acceptable of Christmas gifts; every new and desirable style you can ask for, with value fully 25 per cent better than you will find elsewhere	We offer some beautiful new things in this department. Ring, Scarf pins, Belt Pins, Collar Pins, Beauty Pins, etc. from 10c to.....	Ladies all linen hemstitched initial Handkerchiefs, each.....
<b>Ladies Fine Cape Gloves</b>	Desirable for X-Mas gifts. Ladies' Jabots in the new side effects, silk and velvet Ties, Irish Crochet Jabots and Collars, hundreds to select from, each.....	10
in tan, black and gray, the best wearing gloves in the world, full assortment of sizes, per pair \$1.00, \$1.25 1.50	<b>Umbrellas</b>	<b>Men's and Ladies' Neckwear</b>
<b>Buying and Selling for Cash</b>	A beautiful Opossum Fur Set, scarf and muff for a strong serviceable Child's Coat; that is worth almost double, for.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
the greatest power on earth to reduce the price, is being daily demonstrated to our customers who are buying as never before, knowing that they can save from 10 to 25 per cent at this store.	A fine all wool Dress Skirt, in various styles, each.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Have you been convinced of our superiority of low-price-making?	<b>Hosiery for Men, Ladies and Children</b>	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
<b>Handkerchiefs</b>	In Silk, Wool or Cotton. Ladies' Silk Hose.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
The biggest value ever brought to this city. Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Men's Silk Hose.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Ladies' plain Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border, 5c, 10c.....	Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Embroidered Handkerchiefs.....	Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Beautiful all linen Embroidered and hemstitched Handkerchiefs, special each at.....	Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Embroidered Handkerchiefs at.....	Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....
Hand Embroidered Madina Amriswyl embroidered and hemstitched, Ardine hand embroidered.....	Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border.....	Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair.....

# A. KRAUS & SON

**Treasure Trove.**  
The curious powers and duties of the coroner, under traditional law, are illustrated by a recent incident at Southgate, England. Some workmen digging in the Amberley Road found a large number of ancient coins. Immediately the coroner was called and he empaneled a jury.  
An expert numismatist testified that the coins were "Long Cross" pennies of the reign of Henry III, 1207 to 1272. The jury then found a verdict that the coins were ancient, that they had been concealed and that their depositor was unknown.  
"Then I seize the coins as the King's treasure trove," said the coroner—and he did.

**A Father's Vengeance**  
would have fallen on any one who attacked the son of Peter Bondy, of South-Rockwood, Michigan, but he was powerless before attacks of kidney trouble. "Doctors could not help him," he wrote, "so at last we gave him Electric Bitters and he improved wonderfully from taking six bottles. It's the best kidney medicine I ever saw." Backache, tired feeling, nervousness, loss of appetite, warm of kidneys trouble that may end in dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Beware: Take Electric Bitters and be safe. Every bottle guaranteed. 50 cents at M. Lewis & Co's.

**To the Public.**  
I wish to inform all that I am now ready to take orders for Nursery Stock for spring delivery, with information from the company, to give the best of satisfaction from the largest house in the world, with 1800 acres under cultivation for nursery stock, to be delivered in April. All stock is warranted and satisfaction guaranteed.  
JOHN H. TOBIN

**Probate Notice.**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.  
At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling in said county, on the thirteenth day of December A. D. 1911.  
Present Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of Daniel Hayward, deceased.  
Samuel C. Hayward, brother, having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Samuel C. Hayward or to some other suitable person. It is ordered, that the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.  
It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.  
WILLIAM BATTERTON, Judge of Probate.  
A true copy.  
WILLIAM BATTERTON, Judge of Probate.  
Man's Tenancy of Earth. God has lent us the earth for our life. It is a great entail—Ruskin.

**M. C. R. R.**  
This is not an Ad., nor guaranteed correct. It is given for the benefit of our readers, and will be kept corrected if possible, by the courtesy of the Local Agent.

GOING NORTH.	GOING SOUTH.
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No. 18... 2:00 pm	No. 202... 2:04 am
No. 201... 1:50 pm	No. 206... 2:34 pm
No. 207... 4:15 am	

**Saved Many From Death.**  
W. L. Mock, of Mock, Ark., believes he has saved many lives in his twenty-five years of experience in the drug business. "What I always like to recommend is Dr. King's New Discovery for weak, sore lungs, hard colds, hoarseness, obstinate coughs, is grippe, croup, asthma or other bronchial affection for I feel sure that a number of my neighbors are alive and well today because they took my advice to use it. I honestly believe it's the best throat and lung medicine that's made." Easy to prove he's right. Get a trial bottle free or a regular 50 cent or \$1.00 bottle. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co.

## Cyclone Insurance

Now is the time you need it. I represent the best companies and can give you the lowest rates. It costs but little and may rebuild your buildings.

All these Companies, THE AMERICAN INSURANCE CO. Insure you against fire and tornadoes. THE ST. PAUL INSURANCE CO. THE NIAGARA INSURANCE CO.

THOMAS D. MEDDICK, A. G. L. rederic, Mich.

**OFTEN MAKES A QUICK NEED FOR THE CURE THAT'S SURE DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL TROUBLES OF THROAT AND LUNGS PROMPT USE WILL OFTEN PREVENT PNEUMONIA AND CONSUMPTION PRICE 50c and \$1.00 SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY A. M. LEWIS & COMPANY**

**Dr. A. B. Spinney**  
will be at the Depot Hotel in Grayling, Thursday January 4th, from 7.00 a. m. to 1.30 p. m. Consultation free. Dr. A. B. Spinney, of Detroit, a specialist of 52 years experience in treating chronic diseases, will give free consultation, and be at the above named hotel on said date.

## SICK PEOPLE SHOULD INVESTIGATE

I know the Diseases of Both Sexes Like an Open Book. I have Been Curing Them for 49 Years. In fact, My Entire Life Has Been Devoted to Curing Where Others Have Failed.

I have Changed Hundreds Upon Hundreds of Nervous Wrecks Into Fine, Strong Men and Women. I Accept No Case I Cannot Cure.

**ESPECIALLY** invite all discouraged and disappointed ones who have been treated with a cure to write me fully and frankly about their case. It will cost you nothing to write me, and I will gladly tell you your condition, truthfully, honestly, and accurately. I cannot cure a case holding out no false promises. I have seen my whole life in the cure of chronic diseases, and my study and investigation have been blessed by the discovery of many new and marvelous methods of treating disease. Forty-nine years ago I graduated from the Western Homeopathic Medical College of Cleveland, O., for many long years as a specialist, treating chronic diseases of all kinds. I have wonderful success, and am now owner of one of the largest sanitariums in both sexes. I cure the worst forms of Rheumatism, St. Vitus Dance, Paralysis, etc.

My long experience in diagnosing cases and my understanding of the different diseases that I treat enable me in almost every case to prescribe by mail a perfect, thorough cure. All correspondence in plain envelopes and securely confidential.

**I CURE NERVOUS TROUBLES**—Wasting Away, Loss of Vitality and third stages—treat the disease from the system, the taint from the blood, curing pimples, copper spots, rashes in the month, tumors and ulcers. In Both Sexes. Whether from excess or overwork, I promptly and positively cure, no matter how long standing.

**I CURE BLOOD POISON**—I cure Blood Poison in the first, second and third stages—treat the disease from the system, the taint from the blood, curing pimples, copper spots, rashes in the month, tumors and ulcers. In Both Sexes. Whether from excess or overwork, I promptly and positively cure, no matter how long standing.

**I CURE FITS**—Epilepsy, St. Vitus Dance, Paralysis, etc., by striking direct at the cause, restoring the diseased nerves to perfect health.

**I CURE PILES**—in 30 days to stay cured and to never return.

**I CURE CONSUMPTION**—the Great White Plague, in the first and second stages. Have made a specialty of this disease for fifty years. Have cured hundreds given up by home doctors. I cannot treat at home by seeing or by mail. Will take to my Sanitarium, where rest or medicine, nursing and private rooms are given for ten dollars a week. **CURABLE**—I CURE, to stay cured, liquor, morphine, cocaine, nicotine or cig. Call and see me or write to either Sanitarium as below.

No matter what disease you are suffering from, write me fully today. I will answer at once, and my advice, which costs you nothing, may be worth hundreds of dollars—life itself—to you. I cannot cure you I will tell you so. Write today.

**ANDREW B. SPINNEY, M. D.**

Balding Sanitarium and Retreat, Balding, Mich., or Smyrna Sanitarium, Smyrna, Mich.

## Manistee & N. E. R. R.

### Time Card

In effect Oct. 8 1911.

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## Notice for the Division of the Township of Maple.

To whom it may concern:  
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned freeholders of the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, that application will be made to the Board of Supervisors of said county, at their adjourned meeting, to be held at the Court House in the Village of Grayling in said county, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1912, to divide the Township of Maple Forest, and to form and erect a new township as follows, to wit:

of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, that application will be made to the Board of Supervisors of said county, at their adjourned meeting, to be held at the Court House in the Village of Grayling in said county, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1912, to divide the Township of Maple Forest, and to form and erect a new township as follows, to wit:

To detach from the said Township of Maple Forest, Town 27 North of Range 1 West, and Town 28 North of Range 1 West, and Town 28 North of Range 2 West, of which of said territory to form and erect a new township, to be known as the Township of "Lovells".

And that Town 28 North of Range West shall be and remain as the Township of Maple Forest.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 1911.

Names of Town 27 N. R. 1 W. and 28 N. R. 1 W. and 28 N. R. 2 W.

James F. Knibbs Geo. F. Owen  
J. B. Slingerland James H. Kellogg  
Wm. C. Johnson Thos. McElroy  
Arnold Johnson A. J. Bessie  
C. Lindberg Joseph Simms  
John S. Parsons Dr. C. F. Underhill  
John F. Anderson R. M. Underhill  
Louis Dellaire Silas W. Carrier  
Ed. Feldhauser Geo. W. Kneth  
Chas. Feldhauser Chas. L. Lee  
Rufus Edwards Robert Egan  
A. C. Scriver J. L. Douglas  
G. D. Vajda Louis Biel  
Wm. Hunter Conrad Howe  
John Linn Frank D. Watson  
John Kauts

## Mortgage Sale.

Whereas default has been made in payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven, executed by Nancy Decker, of Frederick, Crawford County, Mich., to Lee Morford, trustee for the Osego County Bank, of Gaylord, Osego County, Mich., which mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Crawford, in liber B of mortgages, on page fifty-six, on the third day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven, at eight o'clock A. M.

And whereas the said mortgage has been duly assigned by the said Lee Morford, trustee for the Osego County Bank, to Ira H. Richardson, of Roscommon, Michigan, by assignment bearing date the fourteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the said county of Crawford, on the first day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight at three o'clock P. M., in liber F of assignments of mortgages, recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the said county of Crawford, on page four hundred and eighty-nine.

And whereas the said Ira H. Richardson is now deceased and died without having foreclosed the right of redemption in said mortgage and Frank H. Richardson has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of the said Ira H. Richardson, deceased, and the said mortgage is now held by the said Frank H. Richardson as administrator of said estate.

And whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars and cents (\$275.00) of principal and interest, and the further sum of fifteen dollars as an attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage and no other proceeds having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage, has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the said power of sale, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in the city of Grayling, in said county of Crawford, on the sixth day of January next, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: The south-west quarter (1/4) of the south-east quarter (1/4) of section twenty-nine (29) township eight (8) range three (3) west, containing forty acres more or less, and being situated in the township of Maple Forest, county of Crawford, and state of Michigan.

Dated the eleventh day of October, 1911.

FRANK H. RICHARDSON, Adm'r of the estate of Ira H. Richardson, deceased.  
HIRSH R. SMITH, Attorney,  
Business address, Roscommon, Mich.  
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## Drs. Insley & Keyport Physicians & Surgeons

Office over Lewis & Co's Drug Store.

## H. H. Merriman, M. D. Physician and Surgeon.

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE. East of Opera House.

## Bank of Grayling.

Successor to Crawford County Exchange Bank.  
MARIUS HANSON PROPRIETOR.

## G. A. Canfield, D.D.S. DENTIST

OFFICE: Over Alexander's Law Office on Michigan Avenue.  
Office hours: 8:30-11 a. m. 1-3:30 p. m.

## Frank G. Walton ATTORNEY AT LAW

Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford Co. Collections promptly attended to. Offices over Lewis & Co's Drug Store.

## O. Palmer ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY

Office in Avalon Building, FIRE INSURANCE.

## GEO. L. ALEXANDER ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Pine Lands Bought and sold on Commission. Non-Residence Exempt. Looked after. Office on Michigan Avenue, first door east of Bank of Grayling.

## The Crown Chemical Co.,

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